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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is
respectfully requested.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct a minor
informality of which the undersigned has become aware. No new
matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the
amendment to the specification be approved and entered.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 37-39 have each been amended to clarify the feature
of the present invention whereby the images on the server are
<u>pre-stored</u> on the server, as supported by the disclosure in the
specification at, for example, page 10, lines 20-22, and page 20,
lines 8-24.

In addition, claim 37 has also been amended to avoid
reciting a "print" method, as required by the Examiner, as well
as to avoid unnecessarily reciting the step of determining
whether a download request is issued.

Still further, claim 38 has been amended to avoid
unnecessarily reciting the "determining" step, as well as to more
positively recite printing, at the printer, the at least one
received image.

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No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully
submitted that the amendments to the claims are clarifying in
nature. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the
amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 37 was rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated
by USP 6,167,469 ("Safai et al"), and claims 38 and 39 were
rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the
combination of Safai et al, USP 6,348,972 ("Taniguchi et al") and
USP 6,553,240 ("Devarics"). These rejections, however, are
respectfully traversed.

According to the present invention as recited in clarified
amended independent claim 37, a method is provided which
comprises acquiring a caller's number of a portable communication
terminal, when the portable communication terminal accesses a
server through a network; causing the portable communication
terminal to display thumbnails corresponding to pre-stored images
on the server; determining, at the server, whether the portable
communication terminal has issued a registration command to
register at least one of the pre-stored images on the server
corresponding to at least one of the thumbnails displayed by the
portable communication terminal; and relating, at the server, the
at least one selected image with the caller's number and storing

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the selected image in association with the caller's number when
it is determined that the portable communication terminal has
issued the registration command.

That is, according to the present invention as recited in
clarified amended independent claim 37, pre-stored images are
available on a server. A portable communication terminal can
access the server to display thumbnails corresponding to the pre-
stored images, and the portable communication terminal can issue
a registration command with respect to one or more selected ones
of the pre-stored images. The at least one selected image is
then related (at the server) with the caller's number and stored
in association with the caller's number.

According to the present invention as recited in clarified
amended independent claim 38, moreover, a print method is
provided which comprises: connecting a portable communication
terminal to a server through a network; displaying, on the
portable communication terminal, thumbnails corresponding to pre-
stored images on the server; selecting, at the portable
communication terminal, at least one of the thumbnails; and
transmitting, from the portable communication terminal to the
server, a registration command for relating the at least one pre-
stored image corresponding to the at least one selected thumbnail
with a caller's number of the portable communication terminal,
and storing the at least one selected image in association with
the related caller's number on the server. The portable

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communication terminal is then disconnected from the server. A
printer is then connected to the server through the portable
communication terminal, when it is determined that a print
command has been issued at the printer. A download request is
transmitted from the printer to the server after the print
command has been issued; at least one image stored in association
with the related caller's number, which is transmitted from the
server in response to the download request, is received at the
printer, and the at least one received image is then printed at
the printer.

Amended independent claim 39, moreover, recites a print
system along the lines of the print method of claim 38.

Thus, according to the present invention as recited in each
of amended independent claims 37-39, images are <u>pre-stored</u> on the
server, and at least one of the images may be selected for
registration by a portable communication terminal that is
accessing the server by selecting a thumbnail image displayed at
the portable communication terminal. The selected image(s) is
related with the caller's number of the portable communication
terminal at the server.

With this structure, desired images that are <u>already on the
server</u> (i.e., pre-stored) are selected via a portable
communication terminal and are associated on the server with the
portable communication terminal such that a printer may access
the server through the portable communication terminal and

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download and print the images. Thus, even after the portable

communication terminal has disconnected from the server (as

recited in claims 38 and 39), the printer can reconnect to the

server through the portable communication terminal and can

request that the selected image be transmitted, since the image

is associated with the caller's number. It is therefore

unnecessary for the images to be downloaded first to the phone,

then processed by the operating system by the phone to be made

available for the printer. And it is thereby possible for the

problem described in the Background of the Invention portion of

the specification whereby when the phone operates as a data

processing terminal for images, the images cannot be easily

printed.

It is respectfully submitted that Safai et al does not at

all disclose, teach or suggest designating pre-stored images on a

server.

Instead, in the system of Safai et al, images that are to be

transmitted (possibly for printing) are designated at a camera

and then when the camera is instructed to transmit the images,

the camera connects to the server to send images and any

accompanying information (addresses, sound data, etc.) to the

server. Thus, according to Safai et al images are sent from the

camera to the server, and once the images are received at the

server, it is determined whether the images must be printed

(column 13, line 39 to page 14, line 43). For example, if the

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camera has designated a physical address as a destination for the
images, then the server must have hard copies of the photos made
and must cause the hard copies to be sent to the physical address
(column 14, lines 9-13 and 30-43).

Thus, in the system of Safai et al, in the process of
printing a photo via a server, the image is designated at the
camera and an address that will cause the image to be printed is
set at the camera. Only then is the image and address sent to
the server.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Safai et al
clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest accessing a server
with a portable communication terminal, displaying (at the
portable communication terminal) thumbnails corresponding to pre-
stored images on the server, and determining (at the server)
whether the portable communication terminal has issued a
registration command to register at least one of the pre-stored
images on the server corresponding to at least one of the
thumbnails displayed by the portable communication terminal, so
as to relate (at the server) the selected image with the caller's
number. Indeed, it is respectfully pointed out that the
thumbnail images of Safai et al, which have been pointed out by
the Examiner, are thumbnail images of image data stored on the
camera, not on the server (column 10, lines 33-37).

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that Taniguchi et
al and Dervarics also do not disclose selecting at least one pre-

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stored image on a server (based on thumbnails displayed at a

portable communication terminal) to relate the image(s) with the

portable communication terminal caller's number, as according to

the claimed present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that

the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent

claims 37-39 clearly patentably distinguishes over Safai et al,

taken singly or in combination with Taniguchi et al and Dervarics,

under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the

passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or

recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

undersigned for prompt action.

                              Respectfully submitted,

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